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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1(currently amended) A training aid comprising:
an eyeglass frame having a pair of transparent lenses,
each lens having an upper and lower region; and
an opaque layer of film adhering to each of said

transparent lenses, the opaque layer of film on at
least one of said lenses covering at least part of
the lower region thereof while leaving ~~at least a~~
~~portion of~~ the upper region thereof uncovered and
transparent;

in which each said lens has a lower edge, in which each
of said film layers has a width extending from a
rightmost part thereof to a leftmost part thereof,
and a lower edge extending across substantially the
entire width of the film layer, the lower edge of
each film layer conforming in shape to, and
coinciding with, the lower edge of the lens to which
it adheres; and

in which each of said film layers has an upper edge
extending across substantially the entire width
thereof, said upper edge being convex upwardly,
whereby the film layers obscure a vertically higher

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portion of the central part of the visual field than
of the left and right portions of the visual field.

2(canceled).

3(original). A training aid according to claim 2, in which said opaque layers are peelable from said lenses.

4(original). A training aid according to claim 2, in which said opaque layers adhere to said lenses by electrostatic attraction.

5-6 (canceled)

7(withdrawn). A training aid comprising a sheet having a backing layer and a plurality of pairs of opaque layers of film supported thereon and peelable therefrom, the opaque film layers of each pair having a width extending from a rightmost part thereof to a leftmost part thereof, a downwardly convex lower edge extending across substantially the entire width of the film layer, and an upwardly convex upper edge, wherein the radii of curvature of all portions of the lower edge of each said opaque layer are greater than the radii of curvature of all portions of the upper edge thereof.

8(withdrawn). A training aid according to claim 7, in which the width of each of the opaque film layers of one of

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said pairs on said sheet is greater than the width of each of the opaque film layers of another of said pairs on said sheet.

9(withdrawn). A training aid according to claim 7 in which the height of each of the opaque film layers of one of said pairs on said sheet is greater than the height of each of the opaque film layers of another of said pairs on said sheet.

10(withdrawn). A training aid according to claim 7, in which the height and width of each of the opaque film layers of one of said pairs on said sheet are greater respectively than the height and width of each of the opaque film layers of another of said pairs on said sheet.

11(original). A training aid according to claim 1, in which the opaque layer of film on said at least one of said lenses covers substantially the entire width of the lower region, and right and left portions of the upper region thereof.

12(currently amended). A training aid comprising:
an eyeglass frame having a pair of transparent lenses,
each lens having an upper and lower region, the
lower region of each lens being defined in part by a
lower edge of the lens; and

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a sheet having a backing layer and a plurality of pairs
of opaque layers of film supported thereon and
peelable therefrom; ;

in which the opaque film layers of each pair have a width
extending from a rightmost part thereof to a
leftmost part thereof, and a lower edge extending
across substantially the entire width of the film
layer, the lower edges of the opaque layers of film
of each said pair conforming in shape respectively
to the lower edges of said transparent lenses;
in which each of said opaque film layers has an upper
edge extending across substantially the entire width
thereof, said upper edge being convex upwardly, and
in which the height of each of the opaque film layers of
one of said pairs on said sheet is greater than the
height of each of the opaque film layers of another
of said pairs on said sheet.

13(original). A training aid according to claim 12, in
which the width of each of the opaque film layers of one of
said pairs on said sheet is greater than the width of each of
the opaque film layers of another of said pairs on said sheet.

14(canceled).

15(currently amended). A training aid according to
claim 12, ~~in which each of said opaque film layers has an~~

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~~upper edge extending across substantially the entire width thereof, said upper edge being convex upwardly,~~ in which the height and width of each of the opaque film layers of one of said pairs on said sheet are greater respectively than the height and width of each of the opaque film layers of another of said pairs on said sheet.

16(withdrawn). A method of training an individual in fielding baseballs using a glove, wherein baseballs are repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the central part of the lower portion of the individual's field of vision is obscured, whereby the individual is trained to follow each baseball visually along the entire path of travel of the baseball to the individual's glove.

17(withdrawn). The method of training according to claim 16, wherein parts of the individual's field of vision to the right and left of said central part of the lower portion of the individual's field of vision are also obscured, but the heights of the obscured right and left parts of the individual's field of vision are less than the height of the obscured central part of the individual's field of vision.

18(withdrawn). The method of training according to claim 16, wherein, after baseballs are repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the central part

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of the lower portion of the individual's field of vision is obscured, the height of the obscured central part of the individual's field of vision is reduced, and further baseballs are thereafter repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the obscured central part of the individual's field of vision is obscured to a reduced height.

19(withdrawn). The method of training according to claim 16, wherein, after baseballs are repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the central part of the lower portion of the individual's field of vision is obscured, the width of the obscured central part of the individual's field of vision is reduced, and further baseballs are thereafter repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the obscured central part of the individual's field of vision is obscured to a reduced width.

20(withdrawn). The method of training according to claim 16, wherein, after baseballs are repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the central part of the lower portion of the individual's field of vision is obscured, the height and width of the obscured central part of the individual's field of vision are both reduced, and further baseballs are repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the obscured central part of

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the individual's field of vision is obscured to a reduced height and width.

21(withdrawn). The method of training according to claim 16, wherein parts of the individual's field of vision to the right and left of said central part of the lower portion of the individual's field of vision are also obscured, but the heights of the obscured right and left parts of the individual's field of vision are less than the height of the obscured central part of the individual's field of vision, and wherein, after baseballs are repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the central part of the lower portion of the individual's field of vision and parts of the individual's field of vision to the right and left of said central part are also obscured, the heights of the obscured parts of the individual's field of vision are reduced, and further base balls are thereafter repeatedly projected at, and caught by, the individual in said glove while the obscured parts of the individual's field of vision are obscured to a reduced height.